

THE NAVAL ATTACHE
ARGENTINE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 1st, 1977

Admiral STANSFIELD TURNER
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
LANGLEY, Va. 20505

Dear Admiral TURNER:

I am enclosing, for your information, copy of the statement issued by the Argentine Foreign Ministry concerning the disclosure by Secretary of State CYRUS R. VANCE before a Senate Committee regarding the Human Rights issue.

My sole purpose is to provide you with accurate information. The traditional friendship existing between our two Navies, dating from way back, should be protected from interferences due to misinformation.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



RAUL ADOLFO FITTE
Rear Admiral

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STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS ON THE QUESTIONS OF MILITARY SALES AND
HUMAN RIGHTS

(non official translation)

The Secretary of State of the United States of America, in a declaration made before the Subcommittee of Foreign Operations of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, announced that the projected credit for military sales of his country to Argentina, was reduced due to concern for human rights.

This action brought about the attention of the Argentine Government, as it implies an interference in the internal affairs of our country, as well as ignorance of the Argentine reality.

In this respect, the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Argentina deems it necessary to point out that no state, whatever its ideology or power, has the right to assume the role of an international court of justice by intervening in the domestic policy of another country.

The fundamental respect for national sovereignty, main element for a peaceful and orderly world, underlies such statement. Consequently, all actions taken by a state, based on its own evaluation of the internal situation of another country, is a pitiful anomaly in the conduct of international affairs.
